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Applicants: **West et al.**)
Serial No.: **09/653,406**) Art Unit: **1615**
Filed: **September 1, 2000**) Examiner: **Baron, N.**
For: **Nitric Oxide Producing Hydrogel**)
Materials)

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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2001 please amend the application as indicated below and kindly consider the following remarks. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and \$55 check to cover the fee for a small entity.

In the Claims

Please rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

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1. A biocompatible, polymerizable, macromer composition comprising a macromer bound to at least one NO carrying region or NO modulating compound, wherein NO or NO modulating compound is released from the macromer composition following polymerization, under physiological conditions, wherein the macromers comprise regions selected from the group consisting of water soluble regions, tissue adhesive regions, and polymerizable end group regions.

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In Re Application of:

Docket No.: 47400-0100 (47400-252658)

Jennifer L. West, et al.

Serial No.: 09/653,406

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Title: NITRIC OXIDE-PRODUCING HYDROGEL MATERIALS

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Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- Response to Office Action (6 pages).
- Petition for One-Month Extension of Time.
- Check in the amount of \$55.00 for One-Month Extension of Time.
- Applicant claims small entity status.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDT. FEE	RATE	ADDT. FEE
TOTAL	23	MINUS	23=	0	x	\$0	x	\$
INDEP.	4	MINUS	4=	0	x	\$0	x	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					+	\$	+	\$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE	\$0		\$

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR §1.16, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-0855. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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